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FOR LUERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MEXICO

REF: MEXICO 6437

1. GUTIERREZ BARRIOS CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING AT THE
PRESIDENT'S BEHEST. PRESIDENT VISUALIZING AS A FIRST, STILL
TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR MEXICAN VISIT: (A) THURSDAY, JUNE 10,
FOREIGN MINISTER GARCIA ROBLES WOULD RECEIVE KISSINGER AT
AIRPORT AND ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR A PRIVATE CONVER-
SATION BETWEEN THEM DURING COURSE OF THAT AFTERNOON (ALTHOUGH
THIS WAS NOT MENTIONED IT IS POSSIBLE THAT, IN KEEPING WITH
PAST VISITS, GARCIA ROBLES WOULD OFFER SOME HOSPITALITY
THAT EVENING.), (B) FRIDAY, JUNE 11, AT 11 A.M. PRESIDENT
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ECHEVERRIA WOULD AWAIT THE SECRETARY AT HIS PRIVATE

RESIDENCE IN SAN JERONIMO. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION, THE TWO OF THEM ALONE WITH ONLY AN INTERPRETER PRESENT. (C) 12 NOON, OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE WOULD JOIN THE CONVERSATION INCLUDING GARCIA ROBLES, MYSELF AND WHATEVER MEMBER OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY HE DESIRES, AND PERHAPS OTHER MEXICAN OFFICIALS. THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THIS GROUP RELATIVELY SMALL. IN MEANTIME, MRS. ECHEVERRIA WOULD ACCOMPANY MRS. KISSINGER AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE ON A TOUR OF HER HOUSE AND FOLK DANCING ACADEMY SHE HAS INSTALLED ON THE PREMISES. (D) 12:15, THE GROUP WOULD WALK TO INSTITUTE FOR THIRD WORLD STUDIES LOCATED TWO BLOCKS AWAY FROM PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE. THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR TO AN HOUR SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR TOUR OF INSTALLATIONS AS WELL AS EXPLANATION OF PURPOSES OF INSTITUTE. (PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY GIVE ASSURANCES THAT INSTITUTE IS IN NO WAY POLITICAL AND DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. BUT RATHER SEEKS COLLABORATION OF U.S. AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS UN INSTITUTIONS,-- SEE MEXICO 6247 AND 6491.) GROUP WOULD RETURN TO PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE ON FOOT. (E) 1:30 P.M., LUNCH AT THE ECHEVERRIA RESIDENCE.

2. DURING THE AFTERNOON, PERHAPS BETWEEN FIVE AND SEVEN, SECRETARY WOULD MEET WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO (DETAILS OF THIS AS TO PLACE AND EXACT HOUR HAVE NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT WITH CANDIDATE'S STAFF).

3. THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET PROPOSED ANYTHING FOR THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, JUNE 11. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GARCIA ROBLES WOULD OFFER HOSPITALITY ON THIS EVENING RATHER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE. AS AN ALTERNATIVE THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO OFFER HIS HOSPITALITY (FOR WHICH THE RESIDENCE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF HE SO DESIRES) OR THE EVENING COULD BE KEPT FREE.

4. I HAVE SPOKEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER GARCIA ROBLES WHO TOLD ME THAT AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI HAD BEEN KEEPING HIM INFORMED OF WHAT HE KNEW OF PLANS REGARDING SECRETARY'S VISIT. HE FOUND THE PROPOSED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT QUITE SATISFACTORY BUT AGREED THAT WE WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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IN CONSTANT TOUCH REGARDING ACTUAL DATE OF ISSUANCE. HE REITERATED THAT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FROM PUBLIC OPINION POINT OF VIEW NOT TO ANNOUNCE DATE AND THEN HAVE IT CHANGED.

COMMENT: I WOULD PRESUME, IN VIEW OF GUTIERREZ'S CONVERSATION WITH ME LAST NIGHT ON OTHER MATTERS, THAT ECHEVERRIA WOULD RAISE WITH THE SECRETARY IN PRIVATE HIS

ASPIRATIONS RE THE UN SECRETARY GENERALSHIP(SEE MEXICO 6493).

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